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SUBJ: BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BE REPLACED

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER DAVID A. ROBERTS CALLED ON ME JULY 12 TO SAY THAT HE WAS BEING REPLACED AFTER SERVING IN SIERRA LEONE ONLY TEN MONTHS AND THAT HE WOULD NOT RETURN TO SIERRA LEONE AFTER DEPARTING ON HIS SCHEDULED LEAVE JULY 29. HE SAID THAT HE WAS BEING OFFERED ANOTHER AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT BUT SINCE AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED HE COULD NOT SAY TO WHICH COUNTRY. HE ALSO SAID THAT HIS REPLACEMENT HAD NOT BEEN NAMED. ROBERTS SPECULATED THAT HIS TRANSFER WAS RELATED TO A LARGE SCALE RESHUFFLE OF BRITISH DIPLOMATS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT PRESIDENT STEVENS NOT ONLY WAS FURIOUS AT THE LONDON TIMES ARTICLE CRITICIZING THE ELECTIONS (FREETOWN 1620) BUT ALSO AT ROBERTS FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE SITUATION. ACCORDING TO ONE WELL CONNECTED SOURCE, STEVENS ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO ATTEND THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF NATIONS CONFERENCE UNTIL PHILLIP OPPENHEIMER INSTIGATED A PERSONAL APPEAL FROM PRIME MINISTER CALLAHAN TO STEVENS TO ATTEND. THE SAME SOURCE SPECULATES THAT CALLAHAN MAY HAVE DECIDED TO REPLACE ROBERTS AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT
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STEVENS HAD REQUESTED ROBERTS' RECALL DURING THE CONFERENCE.

END COMMENT.

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